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Since the last issue, Babe Ruth has batted his greatest home run and has been promoted to a bigger League Over There. Few people have inspired more love, especially among young boys. He was living proof to them that in Capitalistic America, the poorest, who have Faith in God and the guts in themselves can rise to the heights of fame and fortune. He loved and was loved and "Love is the fulfilling of the Law."

Now, the Middle of August, early gardens are done for and mid summer brings it's own rewards and drawbacks. Of course the heat is severe. Metal lying in the sun is soon too hot to handle. Dish water can be heated same way, and I have seen children cooking eggs by sun heat on smooth concrete.

Petunias, Zinnias, Red Dragons, Vincas and Roses thriving in the open. Begonias blooming in the shade.

My vegetable gardening has been sadly limited due to Ralph's lordly male complex. "No mother, you work too hard." But my neighbor, Mrs. Coyle, a widow living alone, has a big garden, infested with Johnson and Bermuda grasses. She is willing for me to use all the space I can rescue from those pests. They have to be violently handled with a spade, and as I am able to turn but a few spadefuls at a time, the ground I can clear is very limited.

Early spring her ground was plowed, hence the first two rows I used were cleared fairly easy. These were planted to early peas, lettuce and the usual root crops. My lettuce was almost a failure but Mrs. Coyle had more than she could use. The root crops were followed by Butter Beans. Small amounts of Hickory King and Golden Bantam corn were planted, and, when apple blossoms fell, bush beans. Repeated plantings were made of the G.

B. corn, as ground was cleared, and we have a few hills now not yet in tassel. Cow Peas were interplanted with the corn.

Two hills of early cucumbers and two of later gave all we and Mrs. Coyle could use and I have put up all the vinegar pickles we are likely to use. Cukes have been followed by first planting of fall turnips. Four hills of cantaloupes have given us enough to eat and we used the last yesterday. I gave their space a heavy dose of goat manure and worked it in. Then top dressed with compos reinforced with Vigoro and planted Chinese cabbage.

Cucumbers were interplanted with Okra, allowing two stalks to a person. Better allow three. Many gardeners make the mistake of heavy planting early tomatoes. That throws canning them in hot weather, when other fruit is ready.

Ralph is married now and my family consists of Dody, my elderly step-daughter and myself. I planted five early tomato plants, but the pups disposed of three of them. One plant to a person is hardly enough, better three for two people. Seed for these were planted in a coffee can in mid February and carried as house plants until apple blossoms fell. Early April I planted five more and late May, eight. If frost is late, these latter will begin to ripen, if early, they will all be gathered green and ripen in the house. This puts my tomato canning after the rush is over.

One hill of pumpkins yielded one large and one small Punk. Plenty for us. The early peas were followed by sweet potatoes, 24 plants. They were carried as house plants until set. Grew rampageously. Mrs. Coyle and I investigated a few hills in early August and found tubers as big as hen eggs.

The bush Butter Beans surprised me.

Bore a full crop and now about half the bushes are full of bud and bloom for a second. I have seed only from pods having four and five beans. Use the smaller pods for cooking. Hope to save plenty of seed from second crop. Am fairly sure of enough of the dried beans for winter use. Canned all the green snap beans we can use.

The one crop Butter Bean bushes have been pulled out and left on the ground for mulch and their space occupied with the late tomatoes and sweet basil. Expect to follow the cantaloupes with winter lettuce and wherever there is room, winter onions and radishes. 300 onion plants set early in March gave us all the green onions we could eat and the mature ones will last us for some time yet.

So you see what a physically handicapped old woman can do in raising food under difficulties here in the South. An old couple in ordinary health should do much better.

In addition to the vegetables, Ruth, our beloved milk goat freshened with kids about New Year. For two months they needed most of her milk. When they were weaned at eight weeks, she gave rather more than a gallon a day. Is down to two quarts a day now, and apt to freshen in late fall, less than a year apart. Ralph had the buck kid slaughtered on shares and that gave us quite a bit of fresh meat. I think Brownie, the doe kid will freshen in early spring.

When feed prices soared we culled the hens down to six. One of them is either setting or running with chicks most of the time leaving five layers, which give us all the fresh eggs we can use. And we are safe from bombs. No use talking about preventing World War III. All the prophecies concerning it have not yet been fulfilled. Many of them are tied in with the geological disturbances likely to occur in the next few years. The prophets agree that the present civilizations will be destroy-

ed. Atomic and Bacterial warfare will do that. Big cities will be sitting ducks for bombs, but these little cross-roads settlements, where from one to three acres is just a nice size building lot, it would cost a fortune to bomb them. So I think old people and widows with small fixed incomes, and children to raise had better get out of the cities before it is too late.

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